

LESSONS 11 AND 12

The Other Senses

LESSON 11

Ad astra per aspera.
To the stars through difficulties.

Key Words		
ad hoc	evoke	redolent
admonish	olfactory	resonate
advocate	provocative	sonic
assimilate		vociferous

AD <L. "to," "toward"

NOTA BENE: When *ad* comes before roots beginning with certain letters, it changes, as the following examples illustrate:

before <i>c</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>accustom</i>	before <i>n</i>	<i>an</i>	<i>annex</i>
before <i>f</i>	<i>af</i>	<i>affix</i>	before <i>q</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>acquaintance</i>
before <i>g</i>	<i>ag</i>	<i>aggression</i>	before <i>r</i>	<i>ar</i>	<i>arrest</i>
before <i>l</i>	<i>al</i>	<i>allure</i>	before <i>s</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>associate</i>

Knowing this rule can help improve your spelling!

Familiar Words

access
accord
account
accrue
addict
adhere
adjective
adjoin
admit
adverb
aggravate
allure
annex
arrest
assail
assist

Challenge Words

accredit
acquiesce
ad lib
ad nauseam
adverse
advocate
aggression
alleviate
alliterate
annul
array

1. **ad hoc** (ăd hŏk') [L. "toward this"]
adj. For a specific purpose or situation.

The **ad hoc** campaign committee will disband after the election.

2. **admonish** (ăd mŏn'ish)

[*monere* <L. "to advise"]

tr. v. 1. To scold gently but firmly.

Our camp counselor **admonished** us to quit talking and go to sleep.

2. To caution; to warn.

Although **admonished** by the ranger to keep to the trail, the hikers set off cross-country and were soon lost.

admonition, *n.*; **admonitory**, *adj.*



3. **assimilate** (ə sĭm'ə lāt) [*simulare* <L. "to simulate"]
v. 1. To take in and make a part of the body; to digest.

The body **assimilates** sugars and carbohydrates rapidly, but proteins and fats require longer digestion.

2. To cause to become similar or part of a whole.

America's "melting pot" society has **assimilated** cultures from every part of the globe.

assimilation, *n.*; **assimilative**, *adj.*; **assimilator**, *n.*

NOTA BENE: Although *ad* usually appears in English as a prefix, several phrases retain *ad* as a separate word. Like *ad hoc*, many of these phrases are related to time and money:

- *ad infinitum*—"to the point of infinity" or "endlessly."
- *ad libitum* or its abbreviation *ad lib*—"done freely and without planning" or "off the cuff."
- *ad nauseam*—"to the point of disgust" or "excessively."
- *ad valorem*—"in proportion to the value of something."

Other *ad* phrases relate to rhetoric, the art of public speaking, a skill the Romans considered essential to every educated person. In particular these phrases with *ad* describe certain kinds of good and bad arguments:

- *ad hominem*—"appealing to personal interests such as a person's prejudices or individual advantage, rather than to reason."
- *ad rem*—"to the point."

In most cases these *ad* phrases have been carried over from Latin into English because the Latin phrase is more concise than its English translation.

OLEO, OLERE, OLUI <L. "to smell"

4. **olfactory** (öl fāk'tər ē, öl fāk'trē) [*facere* <L. "to make"]
adj. Pertaining to the sense of smell.

Australian aborigines have such a developed **olfactory** sense that they can track people in the desert by smell alone.

olfaction, *n.*

5. **redolent** (rēd'ə lənt)
adj. 1. Smelling strongly.

After we made lasagna, the kitchen was **redolent** of garlic.

2. Full of memories.

My grandparents' attic is **redolent** of my childhood afternoons spent reading there.

redolence, *n.*; **redolently**, *adv.*

Familiar Words

consonant
 resound
 sonnet
 sound
 unison

Challenge Words

assonance
 dissonance

SONO, SONARE, SONUI, SONITUM <L. "to sound"

6. **resonate** (rēz'ə nāt) [*re* <L. "back," "again"]
intr. v. To produce or show sound vibrations; to echo or resound.

Rubbing the rim of a crystal glass causes it to **resonate**.

resonance, *n.*; **resonant**, *adj.*

7. **sonic** (sōn'ik)
adj. Pertaining to sound waves or audible sounds.

Jets create a **sonic** boom when they break the so-called sound barrier.

Familiar Words

revoke
 vocal
 vocation
 voice
 vouch
 vowel

VOCO, VOCARE, VOCAVI, VOCATUM

<L. "to call"

8. **advocate** (ăd'və kāt) [*ad* <L. "to," "toward"]
tr. v. To speak in favor of something; to recommend.

The Mexican rebel Emiliano Zapata **advocated** the rights of peasant farmers against powerful landlords.

n. A person who argues, supports, or defends a cause.

The Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina, were nineteenth-century **advocates** of political equality for women.



Challenge Words

avocation
convocation
equivocal
evocative
invoke

9. **evoke** (ĩ vŏk') [*e* = *ex* <L. "from," "out of"]
tr. v. 1. To summon or call forth; to inspire.

The taste of a madeleine, an almond cookie, **evoked** memories of childhood for the novelist Marcel Proust.

2. To produce a reaction or response.

The shout of "Fire!" **evoked** panic in the audience.

evocation, *n.*; **evocative**, *adj.*

10. **provocative** (prə vŏk'ə tīv) [*pro* <L. "before," "for"]
adj. Exciting; stimulating.

Alice Walker's **provocative** novel about African-American life, *The Color Purple*, was made into an award-winning film.

provocation, *n.*; **provocative**, *adj.*; **provocatively**, *adv.*

11. **vociferous** (vŏ sĭf'ər əs) [*ferre* <L. "to bear"]
adj. Making an outcry; characterized by loudness, especially in protest.

The batter made a **vociferous** protest when the umpire called, "Out!"

vociferate, *v.*; **vociferously**, *adv.*; **vociferousness**, *n.*

EXERCISE 11A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. the **redolent** hayloft a. aromatic b. musty c. eerie d. dark
e. exhilarating
2. loss of **olfactory** capacity a. hearing b. manufacturing
c. retrospective d. employment e. smelling
3. the **sonic** wave a. electronic b. extraterrestrial c. sound
d. huge e. jet

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

4. to **assimilate** information a. refuse to take in b. speculate on
c. conjugate d. analyze e. abhor
5. a(n) **provocative** commercial a. tasteful b. dull c. vulgar
d. ostentatious e. irritating
6. the **vociferous** candidate a. lazy b. outspoken c. losing
d. dishonest e. mild-mannered
7. a strong **advocate** a. lawyer b. extravert c. opponent
d. dislike e. sense of foreboding